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WILL NAPS CONTINUE TO BE EASY FOR NATIONALS?

Cleveland Club Said to Be Loaded Down With Left-hand Hitters This Season—Other Gossip.

By WILLIAM PEET.
A ball club the Nationals could always beat was the Cleveland Naps. Will this hold true during the coming season?
When Tom Hughes was here two years ago all he had to do when Cleveland was scheduled was to throw his glove into the box, and it was all over as far as the Napslanders were concerned.
Last year Doc Reising and Bob Groom had the best luck against Cleveland, while Walter Johnson also did pretty well.
One twirler Cleveland usually hampered hard was Dolly Gray, the Nationals' only southpaw during part of the season.
This year, according to the scribbles in Cleveland, the Naps will be topheavy with left-handed hitters. Heretofore southpaw pitchers have had mighty few chances to show anything in the land of the Naps.
Now the question arises Will Dolly Gray and Bill Otes, if the latter makes good, be able to stop the Naps?
Drop around and see us about the first of October, and we will tell you.

Baseball fights are talked of on any any every angle of the game, but about the most ridiculous that ever happened is one which, it is said, will be started by the joint rules committee of the major leagues, writes Lester E. Smith, in the Chicago Post.
For some time there has been agitation against the "turtle-backed" diamond, or a baseball field with a raised pitcher's slab. "The result is," runs a recent story, "that the rule makers of the big leagues will consider legislating against this form of diamond at their next meeting, but such a move is likely to start a row among men in the game."

It is just a bit foolish, in the first place, to talk of legislating against the raised pitcher's slab when it is considered that there is not and never has been a rule which permits such a thing. In fact, the rules relating to the playing field state distinctly that the field shall be as level as it is possible to make it. The rule makers won't have to do it, legislating. All that has to be done is to bring the present rules into operation.
A baseball field with a raised pitcher's slab, no matter how fine and beautiful a field it may be, can hardly fully merit the term "baseball field," because the real game cannot be played on such a field. It gives an advantage to the pitcher, and a handicap to the batsman. Which isn't fair, no matter what arguments may be brought into play.

The pitcher's box has gone up by gradual degrees. Club owners one by one have altered the field, saying the field must be on the level if the game is to be on the level. The pitcher's slab went up inch by inch, until presently the twirler stood half a foot higher than the batter, and before long was a foot higher.

The first thing a man who is in favor of the elevated slab will say in defense of it is: "It's as fair for one team as another." Maybe, but still it's not that game. That's the point. And while it may not be as fair for one team as another, it's not fair for the batter, who is plainly at a disadvantage.

A Jacksonville paper comes out with the following: There is no use talking, the Sally League clubs have been paying too much money for players. Instead of getting youngsters from the lots, the kind of players who can be developed and later sold at a handsome profit, the various managers have always appeared to lean toward the older ball players, the fellows who have been to higher leagues but are now on the backward path. These fellows had been used to getting good salaries for seasons past and, quite naturally, they would not perform in this league for a cheaper salary.

It is the younger players that the South Atlantic League managers should go after, not those who have already been to the top and are now sliding down the ladder. Get the kids off the lots; develop them, and then send them to higher company at a handsome selling price. The gate receipts in this league do not permit the club owners to make any too much money, but if two or three players could be sold at the close of every season the clubs would have the balance on the right side of the ledger and it would be the right kind of balance, too.

Bill Armour was glad when he heard the Naps had traded Nig Clarke for Art Grooms. He was first telling President Somers that Grover Land would fill the bill as first Nap catcher.
Somers thought not twice, but two dozen times, before he decided to part with Clarke. Every time he got to thinking he asked Armour if he was sure Land would deliver. Armour was first saying "yes."

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SPLENDID SCORES ON OPENING NIGHT

Capital's Big Bowling Tournament Starts with Rush.

NEULANDS SHOWS BEST FORM

New District League Five-man Team Bats Out First for Total of 2,764. Fat Men Hang Up 2,770—Hartmann and Brown Best of Two-man Teams—The Official Scores.

By "LEN" COLLINS.

With standing room at a premium, the fifth annual tournament of the Washington City Bowling Association opened on the Palace alleys last night. After several introductory speeches by President W. W. Chase, of the local organization, and Chairman "Pop" Meyers, of the tournament committee, the vast assemblage was addressed by President W. Kirk and Secretary Woolworth, of the National Bowling Association, who had come to Washington expressly for the purpose of being on hand at the opening night.

Messrs. Kirk and Woolworth briefly outlined the object of the national association, and concluded their remarks by saying that they were depending upon the National Capital for no less than six teams at the coming tourney to be held in Buffalo.

The Official Opening.
As a starter to the big event "Pop" Meyers assigned President Bishop, of the National League, Messrs. Kirk and Woolworth, President "Chase" Woolworth, Baltimore's best pin speller, and himself, to lay the first balls down the alleys. After instructing the men on the minor details, the tourney was put under way.

Although no record-breaking scores were posted, the teams, considering that it was the opening night, showed more class than on any previous initial night, the Neulands, rolling in Class B, coming through with 2,764 pins to their credit. The Fat Men, shooting in a class higher, managed to roll up with 2,770. The best disappointment of the evening was in the Colonials, who were picked to finish with a big total. Their chances for finishing above the 2,700 mark were given a setback in the first game, their count only amounting to 288. After this game they got together and posted 907 and 885. Had they been around the 900 mark in the first game, they would have completed the evening's play with a fairly good total.

In the two-men event "Pop" Hartmann and Charley Brown were the best of the evening, their total of 1,155 being 51 pins better than the next nearest team, Gibbons and Stahl, who had 1,044. Of the other four teams not one could get over the 1,000 point.

Donohue, bowling in Class B of the individuals, had a good set, his total of 429 being exceptionally fine, when it is taken into consideration that this was the first tournament he had ever entered.

Engraving and Printing star, ran into a bunch of hard luck that kept his set down about seventy pins from what it should have been.

Official Scores.

NEWLANDS (CLASS B)			
Neulands	109	108	300
Meyers	109	108	300
Agnew	109	108	300
Swagert	109	108	300
O'Donnell	109	108	300
Totals	536	528	2,764

FAT MEN (CLASS A)

Waters	109	108	300
Brown	109	108	300
Fitz	109	108	300
Kramer	109	108	300
Totals	536	528	2,770

COLONIALS (CLASS A)

Allison	109	108	300
Kramer	109	108	300
McKee	109	108	300
Hartman	109	108	300
Thomas	109	108	300
Totals	536	528	2,539

BUREAU (CLASS B)

Jones	109	108	300
Donohue	109	108	300
Midway	109	108	300
Leid	109	108	300
J. Hard	109	108	300
Totals	536	528	2,539

WARD (CLASS B)

Ward	109	108	300
Shewcock	109	108	300
Syle	109	108	300
Douglas	109	108	300
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CENSES (CLASS B)

Brach	109	108	300
Thatcher	109	108	300
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SCHEDULE FOR TO-NIGHT

FIVE-MAN TEAMS—7:30 P. M.

Class	Alleys
Agriculture	A 1
Pleasure	A 2
Nationals	B 3
Organizations	B 4
Practitioners	C 5
Harmony	C 6

DOUBLES—9:30 P. M.

Brown and Field	A 1
Lord and Hardee	A 2
Waters and Kramer	A 3
Fitz and Rodick	A 4
Leid and Jones	B 5
Midway and Donohue	B 6

SINGLES—11 P. M.

Donohue	A 1
Meyers	A 2
Hartman	A 3
Leid	A 4
Brach	B 5
Wiser	B 6

SINGLES—11:30 P. M.

Freeman	A 1
Hamacher	A 2
Leid	A 3
Hartman	A 4
Crow	B 5
Dean	B 6

INDIVIDUALS

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TOURNAMENT NOTES.

P. R. Fletcher, the local representative of the Brunswick-Buick-Collender Company was present. P. R. was doing a little quiet boosting for the N. B. A.

This fellow Donohue sure did show a lot of class for a beginner. He had an effective ball and a good delivery. Maybe the crowd wasn't with him when he got on a triple in the last game.

Baron Ludwig was not feeling in the best of trim, as his scores will show. When the Baron wants to get 'em, there is nothing to it.

The way Charley Lord was robbed on good hits in all three games was enough to cause a stroke of apoplexy. Time and again he laid the ball into 1 and 2 perfectly, only to leave No. 10.

This is the second time that Bill Swigert has been with us at the opening of one of the tournaments. Come around next year, Bill. We're strong for you.

"Pop" Meyers started his opening address with: "Ladies, gentlemen, and bowlers." Wonder what class that last bunch belongs to.

George Campbell was on top as usual. The Y. M. C. A. captain was there with both feet when it came to boosting his team. Go to George; we'll get about 2,300 Thursday night.

Some classy two-men aggregations are billed for to-night, and it would not be surprising to see a few records go by the board.

A success? Well, I should guess yes! Nothing to it. Come around Thursday night when it will be "ladies' night." Rare doings going to happen.

Just because a few of them fell down last night, don't get it into your head that you have a cinch. Those new pins tell like they were made out of cotton.

Nothing but the best of feeling was shown by all. Where's that son of a gun who went around about two weeks squealing that he wasn't going to get a square deal?

Harry Waters, with 306 in the five-men event, was the star of the evening. Jimmie Field wasn't far behind with 308.

High team score in the five-men went to the Neulands with 308; in the two-men event, Hartmann and Brown had 284, and in the singles Donohue's 109 and 108 were best.

HOPKINS' BASEBALL GAMES.

Baltimore Collegians Open Season April 8 with Galland.

Baltimore, Jan. 23.—The acceptance of Eddie Hooper to coach the new baseball team of Johns Hopkins University has been received with pleasure by the athletic authorities and the entire baseball following. The matter has been under consideration for some time, with the baseball squad clamoring loudly for a coach and practice. The baseball advisers and others in authority had been favorably inclined toward Hooper from the first. However, other applications compelled the committee to postpone their decision.

Hooper will have a strong squad, both in point of numbers and experience. Capt. Peffer expects about thirty candidates from the undergraduates and half as many again from the medical and graduate departments. Doubtless the majority of the best players will come from the medical school, most of whom have played on college teams before coming to Hopkins. Of these the best known are "Johnny" Morton, from Amherst; Neuman, a former Randolph-Macon College captain; Silverstein, Maryland Agricultural College; Schaeffer and Rutherford, Lebanon Valley College, and Maguire, of Rock Hill.

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SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY.

Battling Nelson put in a busy day here yesterday. He called on Pat O'Connor and made a speech. To-day he plans to see President Taft.

The Indianapolis Star last Sunday published a picture of Johnny Priest, carried by a lengthy article. The picture looked fine, but the story must have been written by the funny game editor.

The Railroad Y. M. C. A. Baseball League this summer will be much stronger than last season. This league owns the best ball park in the District outside of the Florida avenue yard.

Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, no longer is satisfied with pitchers the other fellows can't hit. He wants batters who can hit the other fellow's pitchers.

One hardly knows whether to congratulate or commiserate with Bobby Wallace. Anyhow, every one in baseball wishes him well.

Here's another hope. Larry Foley, the veteran Australian boxer and sport, who brought out Peter Jackson and other notables, has a new find, who he believes will be another world-beater. He stands over six feet high and weighs 182 pounds.

Fur ought to fly when Topoka's new third baseman gets busy. His name is Katz, and he was only recently signed by the Kansas.

Charles Wilson, of Manchester, England, has sent over a novel challenge, bidding for a match with any all-around athlete in the United States for the championship of the world. The text of his challenge embraces almost everything in track athletics, also takes in swimming, cycling, rowing, and tumbling.

M STREET TRACK PROSPECTS.

Team Starts Training for Indoor Meet March 11.

The M Street High School track team began practice yesterday, in charge of Capt. Dickinson and the physical director. The team is getting in shape for the big indoor meet, to come off on March 11, that will combine the best scholastic competition for colored athletes seen in Washington. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons the team will do indoor work.

Among those out on the first call are Capt. Dickinson, Shipley, Nutt, and Wilder, of former track teams; Holland, Miller, Logan, Ward, Hawkins, Johnson, Muse, and Robinson.

It is understood that at the meeting of the Automobile Club of Washington, to be held to-night at the Grafton Hotel, the question of disposing of the clubhouse on Brightwood avenue will be discussed. Instead of having its own quarters, it is proposed to secure quarters in a hotel, centrally located. The reason given for the change is the fact that the present quarters are too far from the city.

The United Motor Washington Company yesterday delivered Model A and B Maxwells, respectively, to Dr. Fisher and Dr. Moore.

The Buick Motor Company yesterday unloaded a carload of 1911 model 21 touring cars.

Brig. Gen. Crosby P. Miller has purchased a Cadillac "35" demountable machine from the Cook & Stoddard Company.

The Moon Motor Car Company yesterday advised John Larcombe, jr., manager of the Motor Sales Company, that his car for the local automobile show had been shipped. The allotment consists of a four-door roadster, a "35" top tonneau, a "35" seven-passenger torpedo, and a stripped chassis.

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BALTIMORE STARS ENTERED

City College Track Team in Hatchette's Indoor Meet.

George Washington Athletics Also Plan to Spring Surprise—Special Race for Neulands.

With the George Washington indoor meet scarcely two weeks off, candidates for the Hatchette's team turned out in goodly numbers yesterday, and the training quarters in New York avenue, presented a lively aspect.

In seasons past the downtown collegians have made a poor showing in their own games, but this year things will be different, according to Capt. Fleming. Several dark horses are sure to crop out; in fact, a number of good men have been kept under cover with a purpose in view, that of surprising the alumni and undergraduates on the night of the meet.

Manager Keats has proposed a novel relay race for one of the features. He announces that if the four Washington newspapers will select a quartet of runners from among their newsmen and carriers, he will put up medals for the winning team. Already the four morning papers have selected their teams, and it remains to be seen if the afternoon dailies will step into line.

By extending the time limit for recruits entries to Wednesday, Keats booked several athletes of note including the squad from Baltimore City College. The City College relay bunch will likely be matched with Western High School, as Coach Byrd, of the Georgetown youngsters, has a first-class relay team, despite the fact that Adams and Barclay, veterans of last year, are not out for track this season.

For the contestants who are not familiar with the conditions of the meet, the management announces the following: Track at Convention Hall is twelve laps to the mile. Entrance fee of 50 cents for each man must accompany entry blank, and the right to reject any entry is reserved.

First, second, and third prizes will be given in each event. Individual prizes will be given to the members of the teams winning the relay races, also a silver cup will be presented to the school, college or college scoring the most points.

No spiked shoes will be allowed on the track under penalty of disqualification. The tickets are now on sale at Harry White's store, in Fourteenth street.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM

Three teams of Washington are going to the N. B. A. at Buffalo at the expense of The Washington Herald to compete for \$25,000 prize money. (The coupon from page 2, fill in the name of your favorite team, and send to the Contest Editor, The Washington Herald.)

Main Postpones Season Racing. Junior, Jan. 23.—Owing to the heavy rain of last night, in which the track became very deep in mud, the management decided to postpone the racing until Thursday.

The entries for to-morrow have been declared off, and a new set of entries will be made Wednesday.

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